

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 are pending in the present application, Claims 1-9 having been presently amended.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakano et al (U.S. Pat. No. 6,011,787) in view of Dixon (U.S. Pat. No. 5,455,822). Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakano et al (U.S. Pat. No. 6,011,787) in view of Higuchi et al (U.S. Pat. No. 6,167,037). Claims 7-9 were objected to as being dependent upon rejection base claim, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten to be in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 7-9. In order to expedite allowance of the present application, Claims 7-9 have been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the respective base claims.

Moreover, given the acknowledgement in the Office Action dated June 1, 2005 (see numbered paragraph 5 in that Office Action) that Nakano et al do not teach assigning a common code associated with each base station group including more than one base station, the removal of the alternative expression in Claims 1-6 for which Nakano et al was applied leaves Claims 1-6 as defining allowable subject matter.

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Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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